

1. Adjustment of the Economic Regions to the Military Regions in the USSR. Nothing has as yet become known here about such efforts. There are many more economic than military regions.

2. Coordination of the Operations of the Economic Regions. No special agency has been established for the purpose of coordinating nationwide the operations of all economic regions. It can be assumed, however, that the Russian leaders are aware of the problem involved. Apparently, they rely, at present, primarily on the National Council of Ministers and Gosplan. Representatives of the Republican Councils of Ministers are members of the National Council of Ministers. Moreover, a number of Chairmen of regional economic councils are members of the Republican Councils of Ministers. Gosplan, in addition, still has the power to allocate material and in particular the function to distribute raw materials in critical short supply.

The Republican Gosplans and Councils of Ministers may exercise a coordinating influence of a similar kind on the economic regions within their jurisdictions.

3. Are Economic Regions, Which Together May Form an Economic Entity, Put Together Administratively? Some of the economic regions are economic entities. With respect to the others, no steps have become known to combine several administratively. In as far as they are located within one republic, they are subordinate to the Council of Ministers and the Gosplan of the republic concerned. This would also make it possible to practice coordinated planning.

4. Composition of the Economic Councils. Four charts are attached showing the structure of economic councils. Some additional information will be submitted in the next few weeks.

5. Nothing is known here about the existence of an economic commission under Saburov in the Central Committee of the Party.